

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 9, 15 - 21, and 32 - 33 are presented for the Examiner's consideration. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The information disclosure statements filed on March 21, 2002 and August 29, 2002 have been resubmitted for the Examiner's consideration.

The Examiner's objection to the drawings is traversed as discussed above. Amended drawings are not being presented at this time.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection since the claimed structure is adequately disclosed and illustrated in the specification. In particular, the lip 19 as drawn in Figure 3 extends from the top portion 17 of the side walls of the cartridge 11. The cover 30 includes a top 32 and can include at least one top side wall 34 extending from the top. The specification at page 7, line 17 - page 8, line 8 discusses these features in more detail. As such, the claimed structure is not indefinite.

Claims 1 - 9, 15 - 21, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. patent 4,384,664 issued to Roos on May 24, 1983. The Roos patent discloses a device for dispensing serial numbers attached to a strip of paper. As stated in the patent at column 3, lines 8 - 10: "The device shown consists essentially of the bowl-shaped part 1 and the cover 2, **which are connected with each other by means of a hinge 3.**" (Emphasis supplied.)

The Applicants' independent claim 1 recites "a cover removably self-fastenable to the top portion of the side wall." The specification at page 4 defines "self-fastenable" to mean the ability of two portions or components of the invention to maintain themselves fastened together **without the aid of another external member** once the two are placed in the fastened position. The cover in Roos is not removable as claimed. The cover in Roos is permanently attached to the bowl-shaped part by the hinge. There is no indication that the cover is removable. Furthermore, the cover in Roos is not self-fastenable as claimed. The cover in Roos is held or attached to the bowl-shaped part by use of the external hinge. For at least the above reasons, claims 1 - 7 and 32 are not anticipated by Roos.

The Applicants' independent claim 15 recites "a cover removably fastenable to the top portion of the side wall." As stated above, the cover in Roos is not removable. Furthermore, the Applicants' independent claim 15 recites: "the cover comprising a top and at least one top side wall extending from the top wherein the top side wall and the side wall each have at least a portion

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extending past the other and at the portion each engages the other in an interference relationship."

No such structure is disclosed by Roos. There is no interference relationship between the cover in Roos and the bowl-shaped part to maintain the cover in a closed position. For at least the above reasons, claims 15 - 21 are not anticipated by Roos.

The Applicants have amended claims 8 and 9 to depend from newly submitted claim 33. Claim 33 recites a product that comprises the combination of a plurality of separably joined wipes disposed in a dispenser. As such, patentable weight must be afforded to each element of the recited combination. In addition to the above reasons for patentability of claim 1, claim 33 recites a plurality of separably joined wipes. Roos does not disclose a plurality of separably joined wipes in the device that is designed to dispense a strip of paper having numbers. As such, claims 33, 8, and 9 are not anticipated by Roos.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1 - 9, 15 - 21, and 32 - 33 are in a condition for allowance. Additionally, since the only rejection to independent claims 1 and 15 has been overcome, dependent claims 10 - 14 and 22 to the non-elected species are also believed to be in a condition for allowance. As such, claims 1 - 22, and 32 - 33 are in a condition for allowance and such action is requested by the Applicants. Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. The undersigned may be reached at: (920) 721-7760.

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